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MEMORANDUM

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To: Martin Eaden

From: Rod Jones

Date: 13.1.94

Subject: HAZELWOOD

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I think I should notify you of the following facts and the action taken. If you can see anything else I should do I would be glad to know.

The records which Norman Hanson has had in his possession, (although many have been held by the County Councils solicitor,) have had some significant gaps. One of these is a child's file which someone had destroyed in mistake for a child of the same name. Another, which is believed by a former SW Moira Mckechnie is that she would have made a report in NO-A89 file about the incident, but there is no sign of one and no evidence of its existence or tampering. Another, which is the focus of this memo, is the daily log books maintained by staff at Hazelwood, which are all present with the exception of one for the 3 month period covering the incident.

It appears that there were no administrative arrangements for the collection and central store of records of Community Homes which closed. The O i C transferred them to a cupboard in Forest Lodge where the residue remains to this day. Staff of the former Hazelwood and new staff at Forest Lodge could have had access to them and Tony Dewhurst as line manager and Norman Hanson as enquiry agent and possibly others seen to be in authority.

The D o H phoned about their concern about events at Hazelwood in 1991 and the call was taken by Tony Dewhurst. He on his own initiative went very soon to Forest Lodge and returned and gave to Norman Hanson the pertinent records.

As far as Norman can recall the log book for the one period was not amongst these papers. As a result of the discussions Norman and I have had to have with current staff who were most closely concerned and involved in the events, there was a suggestion when told that there was this one record missing, that this would have been removed by the persons with an interest to have no record, namely Tony Dewhurst or the former O i C, Roy Wheeler.

As a result of this suggestion and Norman's explanation about how the records originally came to his possession I asked Tony for his perception of what occurred. He said that he went to get them both to secure them and with concern that there may be